

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

TONY KNOWLES, GOVERNOR

August 30, 2001

Mr. David Miller
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
P.O. Box 21648
Juneau, Alaska 99802- 1648

**RE: 2001 - 2003 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
Amendment #8**

Dear Mr. Miller:

The following minor amendment, which requires FHWA approval, is submitted for your consideration.

**Northern Region Non-NHS Highway System and Bridge Refurbishment
(Utilities) \$356,000**

Addition of this new phase is needed to relocate utilities in advance of Kotezebue 5th Avenue road construction. In order to maintain the project schedule, we need to start the utilities phase now. The STIP remains fiscally constrained because the construction cost estimate has been decreased by the same amount, \$356,000,

Addition of this project does not require an Air Quality Conformity Determination an Environmental Impact Statement or an Environmental Assessment, nor does it change the environmental requirements of any other projects.

The State certifies that all applicable provisions of the following laws have been met.

- 23 USC 135 and Section 8 of the Federal Transit Act,
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,
- Section 101(b) of TEA-21 relating to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in FHWA and FTA funded projects,
- Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act,
- Provisions of 49 CFR part 20 regarding restrictions on influencing **certain Federal Activities**, and
- Section 174 and 176 of the Clean Water Act.

In addition, the State **certifies** that the following requirements have been met:

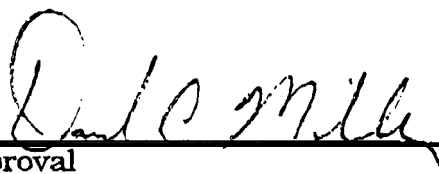
- That the STIP has been developed with public involvement as required by Section 450.212 of the Statewide Planning Regulations,
- That the **STIP** contains only projects consistent with the **Alaska** Statewide Transportation Plan (Vision: **2020**),
- That in nonattainment areas, the **STIP** contains only transportation projects found to conform, or ii-om projects that conform, to the requirements contained in 40 CFR part 51,
- That the STIP is fiscally constrained by year,
- That the **STIP** contains a list of priority projects to be carried out in the first three years of the **STIP**,
- That the **STIP** meets the requirements of 23 **CFR** 216, and
- That the **existing** transportation system **is** being adequately maintained and operated.

With respect to the **certifications** mentioned and any corrections you may suggest, we request your approval of the amended **2001-2003** Alaska Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Sincerely,



Joseph L. Perkins, P.E.
Commissioner


Approval

Sept 4, 2001
Date

cc: Jennifer Bowman, Federal **Transit** Administration
Tom Brigham, Director, Division of Statewide Planning